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Application No.: 09/724,613) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: November 28, 2000)
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For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND)
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC)
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND)
PROTEASES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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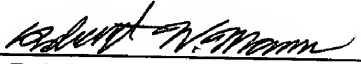
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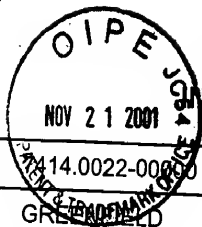
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